UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

IN RE: CENTURYLINK SALES PRACTICES AND SECURITIES LITIGATION

MDL No. 17-2795 (MJD/KMM)

This Document Relates to:

Civil Action No. 18-296 (MJD/KMM) Civil Action No. 18-297 (MJD/KMM) Civil Action No. 18-298 (MJD/KMM) Civil Action No. 18-299 (MJD/KMM) AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL D. BLATCHLEY IN SUPPORT OF LEAD PLAINTIFF OREGON'S MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION OF RELATED ACTION

I, Michael D. Blatchley, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

- 1. I am a member in good standing of the Bars of the State of New Jersey and the State of New York, and am admitted *pro hac vice* to this Court. I am a partner of the law firm Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, Counsel for Lead Plaintiff the State of Oregon by and through the Oregon State Treasurer and the Oregon Public Employee Retirement Board, on behalf of the Oregon Public Employee Retirement Fund ("Oregon"), and Lead Counsel for the Class. I submit this affidavit in support of Oregon's Motion for Consolidation of Related Action.
- 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the notice of pendency of *Inter-Marketing Group USA*, *Inc. v. CenturyLink*, *Inc.*, published in *GlobeNewswire* on October 25, 2017.

Dated: March 5, 2018 Respectfully submitted,

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